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The Examiner is referred to the List of Prior Art (Form PTO-1449A).

DE 102 41 947 A1 describes a toothed gear having a low alloy content steel (20Mn Cr5) and a tempered steel (42CrMo4), upon which a nickel-phosphorous layer is introduced having a layer thickness of 10 to 50 microns, such that hardening is unnecessary (column 3 line 24 to 28 and lines 34, 35 in combination with claim 3).

DE 198 54 168 C2 discloses a transmission member made from steel whose surface is hardened through the introduction of a hard electroplated layer.

The applicant assumes that, in accordance with MPEP 1893.03(g), copies of the PCT search document and cited prior art have been forwarded to the USPTO by the European Patent Office. If this is not the case, applicant requests notification of same.

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